

Worried over breaches, government to fortify Hyderabad lakes

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HYDERABAD: With several lakes and tanks breaching during the heavy rains, Telangana government has constituted 15 special teams to inspect all the lakes in Hyderabad, take up repairs like strengthening of the bund to prevent untoward incidents and arrest breaches to the water bodies. Chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Wednesday spoke to principal secretary of water resources department Rajat Kumar over phone and asked the officials to be on high alert to ensure that tanks and lakes do not suffer breaches in the rains and floods.

“Hyderabad has received unprecedented rainfall which has not been seen in the last 100 years. Besides the floodwater, water from the tanks in surrounding areas has also entered the city. All the tanks are overflowing now. The Met department forecast says there are chances of heavy rains.

Against this backdrop, the entire official machinery should be on a high alert,” KCR said.

He said the tanks have reached the full tank level (FTL) at several places and there is every likelihood of these tanks getting breached and causing more damage.

KCR said the teams should examine every tank and lake in the city. “Identify the tanks that may breach and take precautionary measures. Whenever tanks breach, repair them. Alert people in the low-lying areas and those residing in vulnerable places. Shift them to safer places immediately,” the CM instructed the officials.

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- Water resources principal secretary Rajat Kumar said all the 185 lakes in Hyderabad are overflowing and reached FTL

- "While only three lakes breached, 56 lakes were damaged," he said

- Fifteen teams of officers would visit each lake and examine condition

- Repairs to the bunds and other works would be taken up on a war-footing, he added

- Municipal administration department to release ₹2 cr for carrying out repair works



Balapur Lake